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**IRON ORE MINE “PRZEMSA”  
OF A MINING CHARTER “PRZEMSA 2” IN KRZYKAWA**

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The small iron ore mine “Przemsza” in the village of Krzykawa was situated in the location of a mining charter “Przemsza 2”, directly adjacent to the charters “Triumwirat” and “Aleksander 20”. Although insignificant in size, the “Przemsza” mine employed a significant proportion of the local population.

Mining in this location had been undertaken well before the first recorded date in 1925 which is documented not only in the intangible memory of local landowners but also preserved in the old names of locations derived from mining nomenclature. The research into the history of the “Przemsza” mine is crucial for better understanding of its role in creation and development of new identity of “industrial society” within the local landowners. The collected information has allowed not only for the recreation of the history of exploitation of iron ore in the region of Zagłębie Dąbrowskie (Dabrowa Coal Basin), but also for a better insight into the administrative processes in the first years after Poland regained its independence after 123 years under partitions. Based on this example of a relatively small mine we are able to trace the influences such small enterprises had on the local community and, as a result, on the living conditions of its workers.